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What's Emergent?

Administrative Order

- [Administrative Order 13](#), **DCF Covid-19 Response and Operational Plan**: This Administrative Order, effective March 22, 2020, lays out the following Purpose: A) To ensure the Department is taking all appropriate steps to address the public health hazard of COVID-19, including protecting the health and well-being of its employees and clients while continuing to provide critical state services, B) To comply with Governor Murphy's Executive Orders of related to the current COVID-19 pandemic, C) To provide for flexibility in work rules to ensure that its employees can fully comply with all medically appropriate measures, while continuing to perform their essential functions, and D) To communicate modifications to operational standards that impact the delivery of services to the children and families served by DCF.

Regulation

- **DCF Temporary Rule Waiver**: [N.J.A.C. 3A:12-1.1 et seq.](#); [3A:12-2.1](#); and [3A:15-1.1 et seq.](#) Department of Children and Families' Notice of rule Waiver/Modification/Suspension, pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 103, issued on March 9, 2020, regarding COVID-19 State of Emergency, effective March 22, 2020. DCF adopted a temporary rule. See Section 6 of EO 103, issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which authorizes agency heads to waive/suspend/modify any existing rule, where the enforcement of the rule would be detrimental to the public welfare during the emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary. Pursuant to that authority, and with the approval of the Governor, and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management and the Commissioner of the Department of Health, the Department of Children and Families is waiving certain rules.

Policy

- See the email dated March 20, 2020 from Human Resources, which details the Department's Work From Home Policy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

What's Revised?

Policy

- [CON-I-A-8.03](#), **Service Providers in Good Standing**: policy revisions clarify the distinctions between Technical Assistance, Corrective Action Plans, Debarments, and Suspensions, as well as the corresponding timeframes and due dates for notices and actions.

What's New?

Forms

- [CP&P Form 9-83e\(S\)](#): **Notice of Change of Child Abuse or Neglect Finding (CP&P/IAIU)**: form is now available in Spanish.
- [CP&P Form 9-83f](#) and [CP&P Form 9-83f\(S\)](#), **Notice of Change of Child Abuse or Neglect Finding (CP&P/IAIU) and Instructions**: this form has been created to address a change in the findings from “Not Established” to “Substantiation.” The form instructions have been revised to include CP&P Form 9-83(f).

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